

# North Campus Neighborhood Association

May 2010

**We continue to face a drum beat of development plans which will impact life around the North Campus.** Much of our activity this year has been consumed with providing feedback for iterations of UNM's new proposed Master Plan. It has been a long process, and yet we have noticed a willingness on the part of the university to respond to our concerns positively. Despite a great deal of development planned, we are grateful for this new spirit of cooperation.

**Here are some of the changes which we expect to occur on the North Campus:**

- Moving the adult psychiatric hospital (Mental Health Center) to the southwest corner of Yale and Tucker.
- Adding 50,000 sq. ft to the Domenici Mind Institute on the Barren Fairways.
- Filling in the M (Medical School) parking lot with buildings.
- Developing the parking lots west of the AMAFCA channel, and covering the arroyo to create another road which would extend Camino de Salud. While the road would border the golf course on the west, it would not go into the Barren Fairways.

For the most part, new building would occur on parking lots, which is precisely what we have requested since 2007. **We encourage the university to:**

- Move the bike path to the east of this new extension of Camino de Salud, as this would provide a buffer between development and green space.
- Build the expansion of the Mind Institute on a reclaimed, existing parking lot or add another level to the current building, thereby minimizing its footprint.

On multiple occasions, UNM has stated that the Golf Course and the remainder of the Barren Fairways will be set aside as reserve lands. *Our understanding is that there is no development planned on there for the foreseeable future. However, we will continue to be vigilant, advocating for the permanent preservation of this cherished green space, preferably as a conservation easement.*

## **Golf Course Etiquette**

We are very fortunate to be able to enjoy the golf course. It provides so much for so many groups of people. However, in order to preserve this community resource, we must follow some simple rules.

- **Keep your dog on a leash at all times.**
- Pick up after your pooch. Not only is it courteous, but it helps protect underground water supplies as well.
- Do not walk on the putting greens *at any time*, as they are delicate and expensive.
- Even in the early evening, after the flags are down, the course is still open. Please be considerate and respectful of golfers.
- Lastly, be aware that golfers really have little control over their shots. A golf ball can move over 100 mph. Do not place yourself, your children or your dogs at risk. **Please stay on the perimeter path.**

**Crime**

Due to the poor economy, crime has been increasing in our neighborhood, particularly auto and home burglaries. APD conducted a successful operation here recently, but we must continue to be vigilant. One of the best and easiest ways to decrease crime is to get to know your neighbors and **BE NEIGHBORLY**. The better we know each other, the less space there is for criminals to intrude, and having a friendly community simply makes life more pleasant for everyone.

**Property**

Take a look at your yard and house. Could it use a little sprucing up? How about the neighbors? Maybe they just need a hand with a project, or like many of us, they may be a little strapped for cash at this time. An offer of an extra hand can make a project easier, and it's a reason to get to know your neighbors. If you are like your neighborhood president, you might not be able to grow anything except for weeds, but next door there might be a master gardener! A kind word can address most issues regarding our properties. In the event that this does not work, then we recommend that you call 311 for ordinance reviews. We all live different lives, but common courtesy always benefits everyone. ☺

**Our Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Law School in room 2401.** We will hear an update on the University's new Master Plan and have elections! If you are interested in running for office or actively participating in the neighborhood association, don't be shy! *We can always use your help!* Please contact Sara Koplik, president, at [sarakoplik@hotmail.com](mailto:sarakoplik@hotmail.com).



Don't forget to send in your annual dues, it's only \$5 per household. Please make your check payable to the **North Campus Neighborhood Association**, and send it **c/o A. Chakerian, 1004 Vassar NE, 87106**

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